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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to teaching and credit requirements for courses
2 offered by a school district under the state's educational
3 standards for grades six through twelve.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.65 Student advancement from**
2 **grades six to twelve.**

3 1. A school district shall not issue credit to a student
4 enrolled in grades six through twelve for a course offered
5 by the school district pursuant to section 256.11 unless
6 the student demonstrates proficiency in the coursework by
7 successfully meeting the minimum course requirements to the
8 satisfaction of the teacher of record.

9 2. The minimum course requirements for every course offered
10 by a school district pursuant to section 256.11 to students
11 enrolled in grades six through twelve shall be established by
12 the board of directors of the school district.

13 3. The teacher of record for a course offered by a school
14 district to students enrolled in grades six through twelve
15 pursuant to section 256.11 shall hold an endorsement for the
16 subject area of the course offered in accordance with section
17 272.7.

18 4. For purposes of this section, "*teacher of record*" means
19 a teacher who teaches at least fifty percent of the course
20 curriculum contact hours for a course offered by a school
21 district in accordance with section 256.11, and who is charged
22 with recording the grade for the course in a student's official
23 education record.

24 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
25 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
26 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
27 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
28 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
29 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
30 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
31 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
32 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
33 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
34 districts.

35 EXPLANATION

1 This bill prohibits a school district from issuing credit
2 to a student enrolled in grades 6-12 for a course offered by
3 the school district under the state's educational standards
4 unless the student demonstrates proficiency in the coursework
5 by successfully meeting the minimum course requirements to the
6 satisfaction of the teacher of record.

7 The minimum course requirements must be established by
8 the board of directors of the school district. The teacher
9 of record shall hold an endorsement for the subject area of
10 the course offered. The "teacher of record" is defined to
11 mean a teacher who teaches at least 50 percent of the course
12 curriculum contact hours for the course and who is charged with
13 recording the grade for the course in a student's official
14 education record.

15 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
16 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
17 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
18 district from state school foundation aid received by the
19 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
20 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
21 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
22 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
23 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
24 mandates included in the bill.